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BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS****Status of Claims**

Claims 15-21, 23-36, 38-40, 42-44, 54-57, 63 and 70-72 remain in the application. Claims 1-14, 22, 37, 49-53, 58-62 and 64-69 have been cancelled from the application without prejudice.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowed claims and that the Examiner would allow claims 54-57 when rewritten to include all the limitations of the appropriate base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 54 has been rewritten to include the limitations of base claim 49 and intervening claim 53.

35 U.S.C 102 Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Botzko (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,597).

The Examiner has rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Strawczynski (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,633). This objection is reapplied from the previous Office Action.

The Examiner has rejected claims 64-66 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boyle (U.S. Patent No. 6,606,305).

Claims 14 and 64-66 have been cancelled from the application rendering the Examiner's objections moot.

35 U.S.C 103 Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 62 and 69 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botzko in view of Foster (U.S. Patent No. 6,466,550).

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

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unpatentable over Botzko in view of Su (U.S. Patent No. 6,463,414).

The Examiner has rejected claims 22, 37 and 64-66 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botzko in view of Strawczynski (U.S. Patent No. 4,920,565).

The Examiner has rejected claims 49-53, 58, 60, 61, 67 and 68 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster in view of Dunn (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,385).

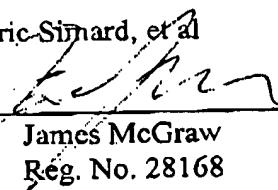
The Examiner has rejected claim 59 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster in view of Dunn (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,385) as applied to claims 49, 53 and 58, and further in view of Botzko.

Claims 1-14, 22, 37, 49-53, 58-62 and 64-69 have been cancelled from the application rendering the Examiner's objections moot.

In view of the forgoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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